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SUBJ: YEVTUSHENKO'S PROBLEMS

1. POET YEVGENIY YEVTUSHENKO IS PAYING FOR PROTESTING
REGIME'S TREATMENT OF SOLZHENITSYN. YEVTUSHENKO'S TWO-
VOLUME COLLECTION OF POETRY DUE TO COME OUT THIS SPRING
HAS BEEN DELAYED, ACCORDING TO SOURCE IN MOSCOW WRITERS
UNION. SAME SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF THAT YEVTUSHENKO AND
NON-CONFORMIST WRITER

VIKTOR NAKRASOV HAVE BEEN PLACED
ON BLACK LIST OF PUBLISHING HOUSE KHUDOZHESTVENNAYA
LITERATURA AND THAT YEVTUSHENKO'S PORTRAIT HAD BEEN
REMOVED FROM ART EXHIBIT IN MOSCOW WRITERS UNION.
SOURCE, WHO KNOWS YEVTUSHENKO WELL, CHARTERIZED POET
AS "IMPLUSIVE PERSON," WHO OFTEN TOOK ACTION WHICH HE
LATER REGRETTED. SOURCE FELT YEVTUSHENKO WOULD BE
CAREFUL NOW, SINCE HE DID NOT WANT TO LOSE BENEFITS,
SUCH AS FOREIGN TRAVEL, DACHA, AUTOMOBILE, HE HAD
ACCUMULATED OVER PAST FEW YEARS. NOTEWORTHY. THAT,
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EXCEPT FOR INITIAL COMPLAINT ABOUT CANCELLATION OF

POETRY READING DUE TO HIS SUPPORT MFOR SOLZHENITSYN,
WHICH PUBLISHED IN WESTERN PRESS, YEVTUSHENKO HAS NOT
SOUGHT PUBLICITY.

2. LIETERY GAZETTE MARCH 6. PUBLISHED ACCOUNT OF RECENT
MOSCOW WRITERS UNION MEETING IN WHICH SOLZHENITSYN WAS
ATTACKED AND YEVTUSHENKO CRITICIZED FOR HIS LACK OF
ATTENTION TO "CONTEMPORARY IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLE."
YEVTUSHENKO, WHOSE "BEST" WORKS WERE SAID TO HAVE
"GLORIFIED THE MOTHERLAND," WAS TAKEN TO TASK FOR
SEEKING "SCANDALOUS POPULARITY" AND FOR NOT LISTENING
TO CRTIITICISM OF HIS "COMRADES OF THE PEN."
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